1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 11 3:93-cr-00035-HDM-1 12 Plaintiff, ORDER 13 VS. 14 MARK MURRAY, 15 Defendant. 16 Defendant filed a successive 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion to 17 18 vacate, set aside, or correct his sentence contending that his 19 sentence should be vacated because the federal carjacking offense 20 which served as a predicate for his 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) conviction 21 22

no longer qualifies as a "crime of violence" in light of Johnson v. United States, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015) (ECF No. 77). The government responded arguing, in part, that defendant's motion should be denied because federal carjacking does qualify as a crime of violence (ECF No. 81).

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Since defendant filed his motion, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its decision in United States v. Gutierrez, 876 F.3d 1254, 1257 (2017) wherein the court held that "the federal offense

of carjacking is categorically a crime of violence under § 924(c)." Given the binding nature of the Ninth Circuit's ruling, defendant's motion (ECF No. 77) is **DENIED**. Because the court's decision in this matter is dispositive, the court declines to address the other arguments raised in the defendant's motion and the government's response.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 12th day of February, 2018.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE